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SUBJECT: DIAMOND MINING IN GUINEA - REQUEST FOR EMBASSY  
ASSISTANCE: HARRY WINSTON, CO.

REF: A) CONAKRY 212 NOTAL B) STATE 20515 NOTAL  
C) CONAKRY 149 NOTAL D) STATE 7195 NOTAL E) CONAKRY 43  
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1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED PHONE CALL FEBRUARY 9 FROM RONALD WINSTON OF HARRY WINSTON CO. (212-245-2000) WHO STATED THAT HIS FIRM AND DDI PLANNING TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR DIAMONDS IN A LARGE PIECE OF TERRITORY IN GUINEA. WINSTON NOTED THAT THIS WAS FIRST CHANCE IN SOME 15 YEARS THAT U.S. FIRM HAD CHANCE TO PROSPECT IN GUINEA. HE STATED THAT THEY EXPECTED VERY STRONG COMPETITION FROM EUROPEAN COMPETITORS AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD HELP GET NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG OFF TO A GOOD START BY ARRANGING WINSTON/DDI APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE WHEN THEY VISIT  
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GUINEA ON MARCH 3. WE REPLIED THAT MEETINGS WITH SEKOU TOURE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN FIRMS INVESTING IN GUINEA NOT USUALLY HELD UNTIL AFTER BASIC AGREEMENT REACHED. WINSTON REITERATED CONCERN ABOUT EUROPEAN COMPETITION AND NOTED DIAMONDS A STRATEGIC COMMODITY.

2. DEPARTMENT IS RELUCTANT TO HAVE USG APPROACH PRESIDENT OF GUINEA ON BEHALF PRIVATE U.S. FIRM. TEMPLESMAN CO. HAS INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN GUINEA BUT HAS NOT REQUESTED SUCH ASSISTANCE. ALTHOUGH DIAMONDS ARE STRATEGIC COM-

MODITY, LARGE EXCESSES OF DIAMOND INVENTORIES IN STOCKPILE  
MEAN WE HAVE NO STRATEGIC NEED TO DEVELOP GUINEAN DIAMONDS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT.

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